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MEMORANDUM OF CONFERENCE

SUBJECT: Meeting at the Westbury Hotel, 10:30 a.m., 2 May 1952, with []

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1. Suitable cover for Mr. [] and Mr. [] was discussed. The consensus of opinion is that Mr. [] could be attached to the [] in Guatemala, with an assignment which would give him complete freedom of movement and keep him in constant contact [] Mr. [] could go as an engineer to [] where the [] is more active than in Guatemala. Contrary to Mr. [] opinion a few days ago Mr. [] said that there are no immediate projects in Guatemala requiring the services [] and that their current policy of cutting expenses to the bone has been so enforced that the arrival of [] on the scene might arouse suspicious comment.

2. Mr. [] described his meetings with Castillo Armas in Honduras. He asked Armas if he knew how to prepare an Order of Battle. Armas said he did, and [] requested him to put all details on paper. Some 15 to 20 pages were prepared and these were delivered on 7 April to an indicated person of the Embassy in [] who in turn was sending them to [] Mr. [] said that Castillo Armas, although willing to delay his movement until he is given the green light, calls attention to the fact that the rainy season begins at the end of May or early June and continues to December and that those months would be the poorest for military action. Castillo Armas would welcome military advice and counsel. If Mr. [] is qualified, it would be a big asset. Castillo Armas is low in funds and Mr. [] gave him \$1,000 to tide him over. Approaches have been made to Castillo Armas by Arbenz and the post of a European Embassy was dangled in front of him as bait. He refused. Four men have been sent to assassinate him, but one of the four tipped him off and he is safe and sound — for the moment!

3. Recently [] assisted a certain Guatemalan to escape from there by dressing him up in mechanic's cloths and storing him away in his plane, flying him to Honduras. Although presumably no one knew of this, there was a leak. Mr. [] knows that one of the [] staff disclosed the operation.

4. [] are flying this evening to Washington and will meet at our office tomorrow at 9:00 a.m. with Col. [] Mr. [] is then flying to Honduras and would like to have a further list of questions to put to

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Castillo Armas. I informed him that I would be somewhere in Central America during the next two weeks and if there is any important material obtained, would act as courier.

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